DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been sanctioned and funds provided in the budget for 1121.

Sluices in the Tovala Channel.

162 ❋ **MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any Government order prohibiting the construction of sluices till the 19th mile of the Tovala channel ;

(*b*) whether there is any sluice now within this prohibited limit ; and

(*c*) if there is any, whether there is any Government sanction for the construction of the same ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) There are 24 sluices within the 19 miles.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Concrete road from Trivandrum to Cape Comorin.

163 ❋ **MR. P. M. VARGHESE** (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) Will the Government be pleased to state the length of the concrete road from Trivandrum to Cape Comorin ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : 45 miles and 1141 feet.

Ayarkunnam-Mattakkara Road.

164 ❋ **MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the very pitiabl condition of the Ayarkunnam-Mattakkara road ; and

(*b*) whether it is a ryots road or a road owned by the Government ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) It is a road owned by Government.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : With reference to answer to part (b) may I know from the member whether this road has been maintained annually by the department ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I have not seen the road myself. So I cannot give a definite answer now,

Road from Veli to Kadinamkulam.

165. ❋ **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any portion of the proposed road from Veli to Kadinamkulam has been constructed and if so, to what extent ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : No portion has been constructed.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know whether any estimate has been prepared and if so when ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : An estimate has been prepared.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : My question was "if so when"?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Very recently.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know how many months elapsed since the estimate has been prepared ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNA : Only a few weeks.

Time limit for retaining a bill.

166. * MR. P. S. MOHAMED (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any time limit is fixed for retaining a bill in the office of passing officers in the P. W. Department ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Yes.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED : May I know the extent of the time limit in the Section Office, Sub-Division Office and the Division Office ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Section Office one month, Snb-Division Office 2 weeks and the Division Office 1 month.

Travelling allowance to the members of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee.

167. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any resolution passed at the meeting of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee regarding the D. A., and T. A. to the members of the P. W. D. Division Sub Committee; has been submitted to Government by the Chief Engineer;

(*b*) whether Government have reconsidered the question of such T. A., and D. A. to the members of the P. W. D. Division Sub Committees, in the light of the peculiar circumstances in which sub committees have to function ; and

(*c*) if the answers to (a) and (b) are in the affirmative, the results of the same ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know who met the local expenses of this sub-committee when they visited the place ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I am not aware. They have not told me.

Supervision over Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd.

168. * MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether in view of the large investments by our State they have any supervision over the working of Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd., at Alwaye and the nature of the supervision ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*) : Government as one of the major share-holders have an effective voice in shaping the policy of the Company but over the day to day administration of this concern, which is an incorporated company, Government have no supervision.

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